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Applicant

: Keith David Bussell

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: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DIGITALLY SIGNING AN ADVERTISEMENT AREA NEXT TO A VALUE-BEARING ITEM

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Examiner

: Firmin Backer

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Commissioner:

In response to the Office action of January 19, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.